

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION III

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Re: Mountaire Farms of Delaware, Inc

Order on Consent, Docket No: SDWA-03-2003-0015

Dear Jerry:

I am writing with regard to Mountaire's compliance with the above-referenced Order on Consent. We recently received a copy of the consent/election of alternate water supply form provided to the residents of the homes covered by the Order on Consent. I have enclosed a copy of one of the forms for your reference. While we are generally pleased with Mountaire's compliance, the form reflects that Mountaire is not fully in compliance with the requirements of Paragraph 37 of the Order. The form states that residents who select point-of-entry ion exchange systems will be responsible for physically replacing the salt used in the system. However, Paragraph 37 requires that the systems be maintained by Mountaire. To comply with this provision, Mountaire should clarify to the residents that the company will be responsible for all aspects of maintenance of the system.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call me at 215/814-2776.

Sincerely,

Deane H. Bartlett

Senior Assistant Regional Counsel

Enclosure

cc: Amy Cohen - WPD (w/o enc.)